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Search for Missing Hiker, Johnnie Jean Daniel, in Sequoia National Park

Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, CA – On Friday, August 9, 2013, a total of 40 staff from Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, in cooperation with the Tulare County Sheriff's Office and Yosemite Search and Rescue, were involved in the search for missing hiker, Johnnie Jean Daniel, a 65-year-old woman from San Rafael, California. Efforts included 11 ground search teams (2-3 people each), three search dogs, and one B3 contract helicopter. Search efforts were focused in Sequoia National Park along specific high-probability areas to/from Franklin Lakes, Crystal Lakes, Monarch Lakes, and along the Sawtooth Trail. Conditions continued to be challenging with high elevations (8,000-13,000 feet) and cold temperatures from the upper-50s in the daytime to the low-30s at night (degrees Fahrenheit). Managers continue to evaluate new information to determine the direction of search efforts.

If you have seen Daniel, please contact Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks at 888-677-2746 with your name, contact information, and additional details.

Background:

It is believed Daniel started her hike on Sunday, August 4, from the Cold Springs Campground in the Mineral King area in the southern portion of the Sierra Nevada. Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks' staff received a report from a family member about the missing hiker, Daniel, on Thursday morning, August 8. She had been expected back 3 days earlier.

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